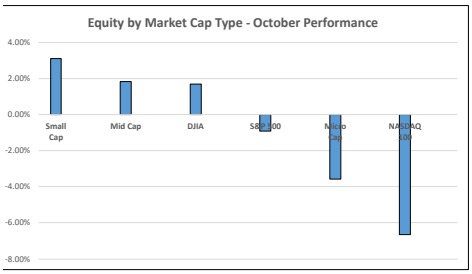
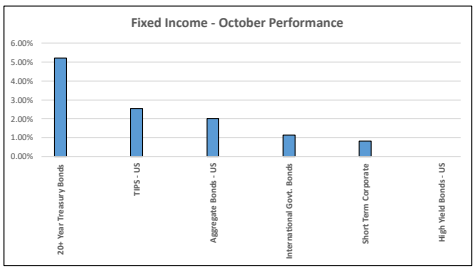
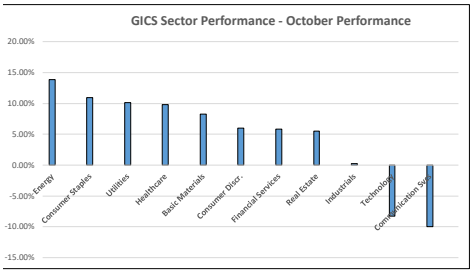
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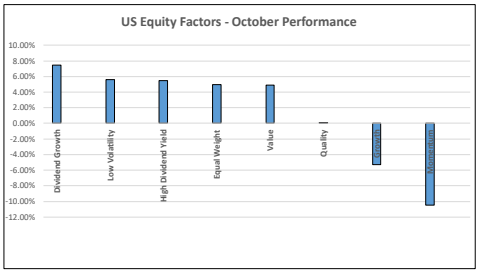
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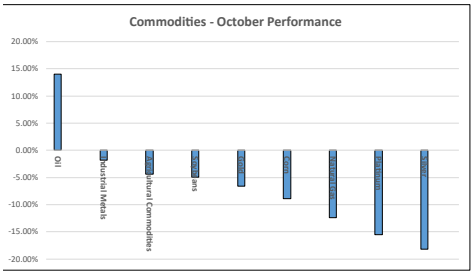
- **AI Trade Repriced**: Despite a solid earnings season, rising concerns over the scale and returns of AI capital spending triggered a sharp reassessment of technology valuations. Investors increasingly differentiated between companies with visible AI monetization and strong free cash flow and those dependent on increasingly expensive investment.
- **Monetary Policy Stayed Restrictive**: Resilient U.S. growth and persistent inflation kept pressure on global central banks despite softer labor data. The Fed held rates at 3.75%–4.00%, while increasingly hawkish signals from the ECB and BOJ reinforced expectations that restrictive monetary conditions could persist longer than previously anticipated.
- **Treasuries Regained Defensive Characteristics**: Sovereign yields initially moved higher before reversing sharply as concerns over AI investment, financial conditions, and future growth increased demand for duration. The move was notable because Treasury yields declined even as energy prices and inflation pressures remained elevated.
- **Energy Shock Reinforced Inflation Risk**: Persistent Middle East supply risks pushed Brent above $100 and strengthened the inflationary impulse from energy markets. Higher oil prices complicated the policy outlook, supported energy-related assets, and increased pressure on consumer spending and corporate margins.
- **Commodities Diverged Sharply:** Oil outperformed as geopolitical supply risks resurfaced, while precious metals such as gold weakened as elevated real rates reduced demand for non-yielding assets. Base metals also came under pressure as concerns over China, global growth, and the sustainability of AI-related infrastructure demand.

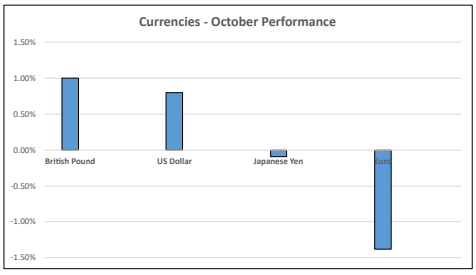












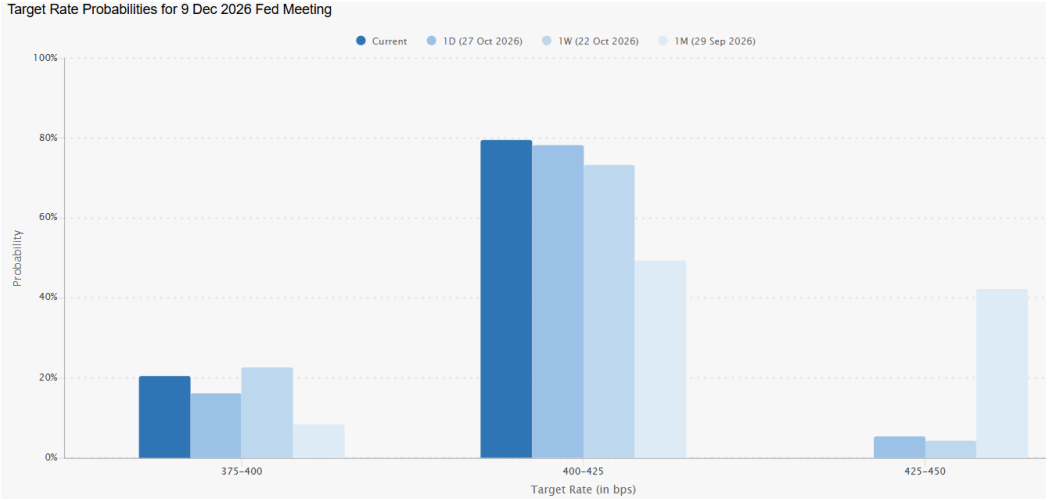
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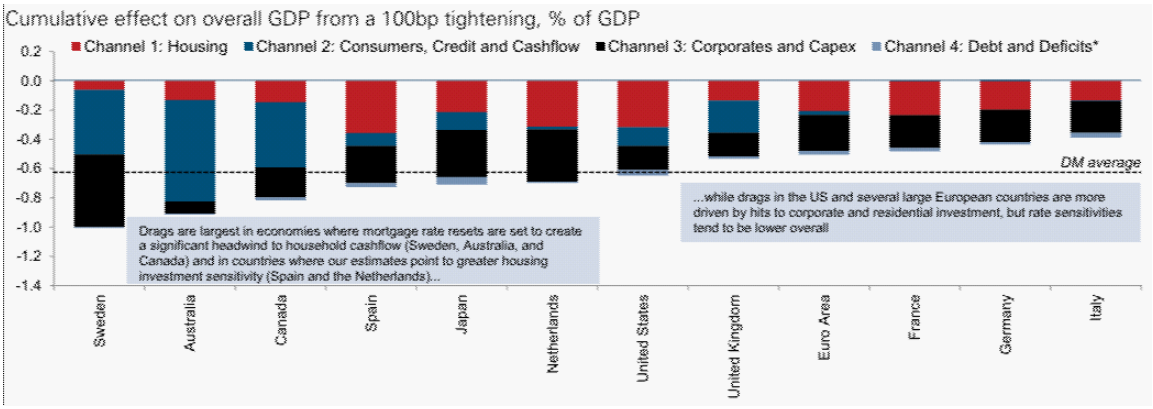
- **Fed Pause But Hawkish Distribution**: The Federal Reserve held the federal funds target range unchanged at 3.75%-4.00%, as expected, but the meeting carried a hawkish bias. The FOMC voted 10–2, with two members preferring an immediate 25-basis-point hike, while policymakers described economic growth as strong and inflation as still elevated. The decision therefore looks more like a pause within a tightening cycle than a shift toward neutral policy. Markets responded by assigning roughly an 85% probability to a December hike, suggesting further tightening is increasingly viewed as the base case. The main risk remains persistent energy inflation feeding into broader price pressures and extending the period of restrictive monetary policy. A resilient economy also gives the Fed greater flexibility to keep rates high without immediately threatening growth or employment. For markets, the more important signal may be whether longer-term Treasury yields continue rising even if near-term policy pricing stabilizes. That would point to a higher-for-longer rate regime and potentially renewed pressure on duration-sensitive bonds and equities (Source: Factset).



- **Higher Rates, Lower Growth**: Global bond yields have risen to multi-decade highs, but economic growth and financial markets have remained surprisingly resilient. Most of the top-tier banks expect yields to decline gradually, forecasting the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield to go back to levels below 5% by the end of 2026 and more close to 4.5% by the end of 2027, although inflation, energy prices, fiscal concerns, and continued AI investment create upside risks. The economic impact should remain manageable under the baseline scenario, with higher rates expected to reduce U.S. growth by only about 0.2 percentage points in 2027, although the drag could exceed 0.5 percentage points if rates stay near current levels. Housing remains particularly sensitive to higher borrowing costs, while consumer spending and corporate investment are also likely to face increasing pressure. AI continues to provide an important source of economic and earnings growth, with hyperscaler capital spending proving relatively resilient, but rising leverage and increasingly interconnected investment also make the sector a potential source of vulnerability. Fiscal and sovereign risks are also

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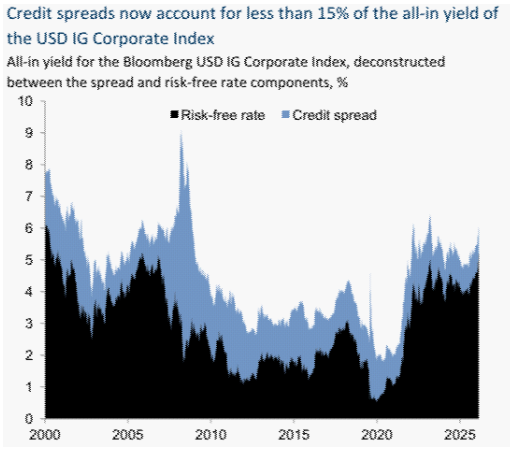
becoming more important, particularly in Europe, where stress in French government bonds has begun to spill over into Italy (Source: Goldman Sachs).

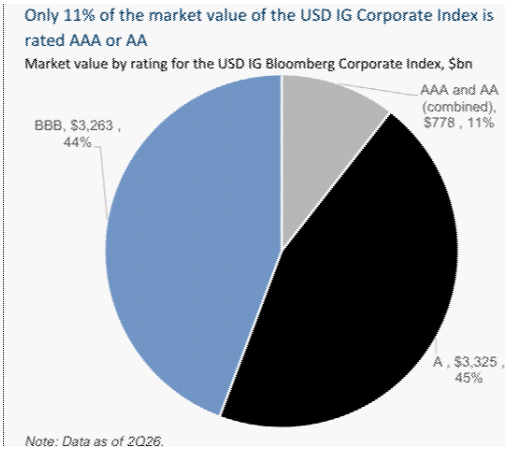


- **Corporate Bonds Are Not Cheap:** Despite higher level of interest rates, credit spreads now account for less than 15% of the all-in yield on U.S. investment-grade corporate bonds, compared with roughly 45% on average from 2019 to 2021. This means most of today's attractive corporate bond yield comes from high Treasury yields rather than additional compensation for taking credit risk. As a result, parts of the investment grade corporate market have effectively become a "quasi-rates" product. High all-in yields have attracted strong demand from pensions, insurers, and other institutional investors, helping keep credit spreads unusually tight. However, high yields should not be confused with cheap credit: USD IG spreads are around 83 basis points, well below their 144bp historical average since 2000. This means investors receive relatively limited additional compensation for moving from Treasuries into corporate credit. The main near-term risk is therefore a sharp increase in interest-rate volatility, which could weaken institutional demand and cause spreads to widen. Higher rates driven by strong economic growth should remain manageable, while rates rising because of inflation or policy concerns would present a greater threat. For portfolio managers, this strengthens the case for comparing IG credit directly with Treasuries rather than focusing only on headline yields. For traders, Treasury volatility, institutional flows, and credit spreads are key indicators to watch for signs that high rates are shifting from a support to a headwind for credit (source: Goldman Sachs).

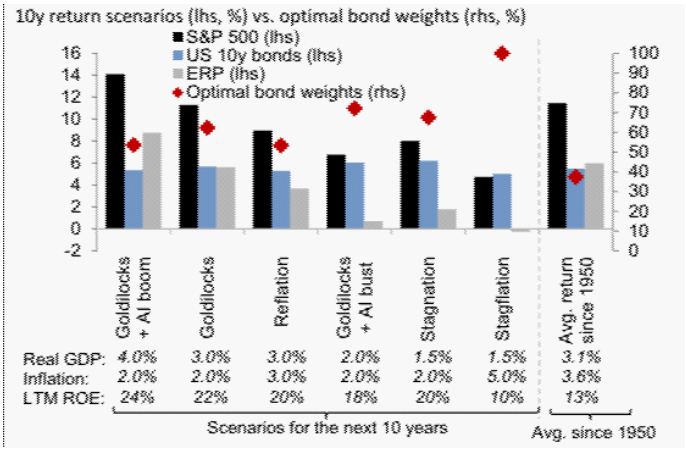
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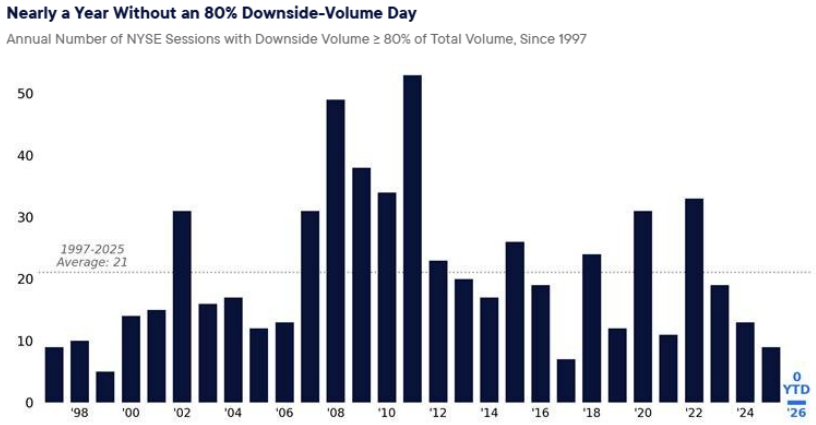
- **Rethinking the 60/40 Portfolio in a Higher-Yield World**: Structural market regimes can produce very different long-term returns, meaning the optimal mix of stocks and bonds can change significantly over time. Higher starting yields have improved the long-term outlook for fixed income, making bonds more attractive than they have been over the past five years. However, equities are still expected to drive most portfolio outcomes over a 10-year horizon. Bonds may also provide less diversification than they did after the Global Financial Crisis, as less-anchored inflation can make stock-bond correlations less consistently negative. As a result, investors should not assume that the traditional 60/40 portfolio will always be optimal. Instead, strategic allocations should reflect the prevailing environment for growth, inflation, corporate earnings, and interest rates. For now, strong earnings growth continues to favor equities, although the case for bonds would strengthen if AI-driven earnings growth fades or the economy slows materially. Within fixed income, intermediate-duration bonds appear particularly attractive because they offer a favorable balance between carry and convexity. Overall, equities remain attractive, but another sharp increase in yields or rate volatility could put greater pressure on risk assets. Meanwhile, higher starting yields support a gradual normalization of bond allocations toward 35–55%, rather than an immediate return to the traditional 60/40 portfolio (source: Goldman Sachs).



- **Winner-Loser Rotation, Not Broad-based Selling**: The continued absence of broad-based selling provides a constructive backdrop for selectively adding equity exposure. Despite

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persistent macro and geopolitical uncertainty, investors have largely rotated across sectors rather than reduced overall risk. That behavior has limited index-level drawdowns and suggests underlying equity demand remains resilient. The record stretch without an 80% NYSE downside-volume day further reinforces the absence of widespread capitulation. The approaching U.S. midterm elections could also act as a catalyst as a major source of political uncertainty begins to move toward resolution. Greater clarity around the policy outlook after the election could improve investor confidence and encourage capital currently held on the sidelines to re-enter equities. Together, resilient market breadth, contained correlations, and the prospect of fading political uncertainty argue for a gradually more constructive equity allocation. (source: Bloomberg).

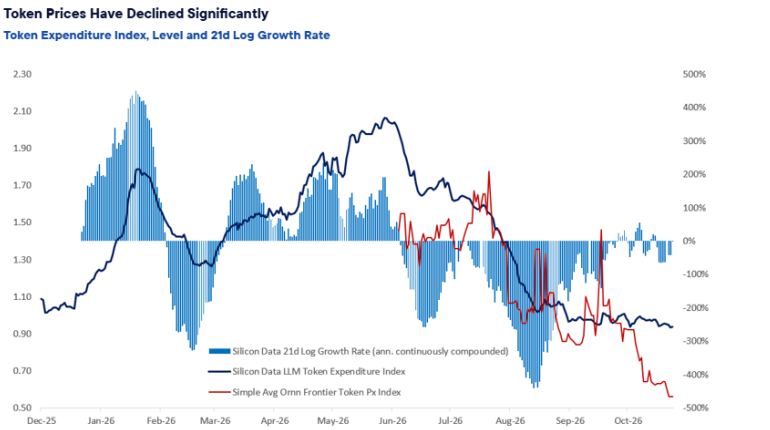


- **Cheaper AI Inference, But AI Model Training More Expensive:** AI usage is accelerating rapidly with economics of inference becoming more competitive. Token prices have fallen roughly 50% over six months, while frontier models pricing is down even more as proprietary providers such as Anthropic or OpenAI cut prices and open-weight models gain share. Open-weight models now account for about 65%–70% of smart-routing token volume, increasing pressure on frontier-model pricing power. At the same time, token volumes have risen about 5x in six months, showing that cheaper AI is unlocking much stronger demand. However, total enterprise AI spending has recently flattened, suggesting higher usage is not yet translating proportionally into higher revenue. Compute remains scarce, with H100 and B200 rental prices still rising despite rapid hardware innovation. That creates a margin challenge for frontier labs such as OpenAI or Anthropic, which are charging less per token while facing higher infrastructure costs. In one illustrative case, a 50% decline in token prices combined with a 27.5% increase in GPU costs would require roughly 2.55x more throughput just to preserve gross margins. The key question is whether inference-efficiency gains can continue fast enough to offset both lower pricing and higher compute costs. These explains why OpenAI and Anthropic are rushing for their IPOs before their business economics commoditized further. For investors, the strongest long-term beneficiaries may therefore be hyperscalers (Google, Microsoft, Amazon) and infrastructure providers (Nvidia, Equinix), which can profit from rising AI demand regardless of which model ultimately wins (source: Citadel, Bloomberg).

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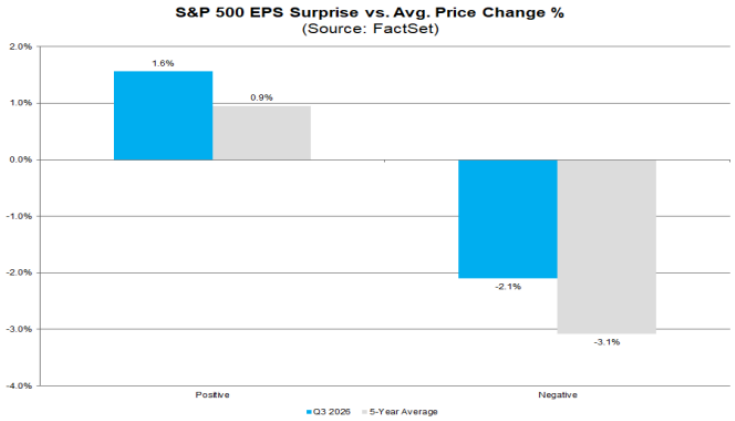
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- **Earnings Season Healthy Growth, Modest Beats: T**he Q3 2026 earnings season has been generally solid so far, although the magnitude of earnings beats has been less impressive than the headline beat rate suggests. With 60% of S&P 500 companies having reported, 82% have exceeded EPS estimates, above historical norms. However, aggregate earnings have come in only 1.9% above expectations, suggesting that much of the strength was already reflected in consensus forecasts. Sector performance has been uneven, with Energy and Information Technology emerging as the main areas of strength, while Communication Services has been the clear weak spot. Investor reactions have also been notably favorable: companies beating expectations have seen stronger-than-usual share-price gains, while those missing estimates have been punished less than they typically are. This asymmetric response likely reflects investors rewarding confirmation of resilient earnings while being more willing to look through isolated disappointments given a still-supportive forward outlook. Corporate guidance has reinforced that view, with negative Q4 guidance accounting for just 40% of issuers, well below historical averages. Overall, the season points to healthy earnings momentum, constructive management expectations, and a market that remains relatively forgiving despite elevated expectations. (source: Factset).



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MG's Message to Investors

- AI Capital-Intensity Concerns and Energy-Driven Inflation Defined October: The month was shaped by the tension between renewed inflation pressure and a sharp reassessment of the AI investment cycle. Persistent disruption around the Strait of Hormuz and escalating Middle East supply risks pushed Brent toward $116 per barrel and an approximately 11% monthly gain, reinforcing inflation concerns even as sovereign bonds staged a powerful late-month rally. In the United States, softer-than-expected employment contrasted with stronger GDP, manufacturing activity and sticky inflation, leaving the Fed facing an increasingly difficult growth-inflation trade-off. The Fed held rates at 3.75%-4.00%, but two officials favored a 25 bp hike and markets increasingly priced renewed tightening in December, while the ECB remained concerned about inflation risks and the BOJ moved further toward policy normalization. U.S. equities became substantially more volatile as investors shifted from focusing primarily on AI revenue growth toward questioning the returns on unprecedented infrastructure spending, financing requirements and free-cash-flow conversion. Leadership became increasingly selective as Alphabet's sharp post-earnings decline, stress in leveraged AI infrastructure credit and large hyperscaler (Microsoft, Google, and Amazon) financing plans highlighted the growing distinction between cash-rich companies capable of self-funding AI investment and borrowers dependent on increasingly expensive external capital. Cross-asset performance was similarly fragmented as oil rallied sharply on geopolitical supply risks, while Treasury yields reversed their early-month surge and the 10-year yield fell below 5% as investors sought protection from technology and investment-cycle risks. Gold weakened despite geopolitical uncertainty as higher policy-rate expectations challenged non-yielding assets, while Bitcoin came under pressure following a major crypto security incident and broader risk aversion. European markets faced persistent inflation and sovereign-fiscal concerns, while Japan remained an important global rates pressure point as the BOJ acknowledged that underlying inflation had broadly reached its target and accelerated planned ETF sales. Overall, October reinforced a late-cycle nominal-volatility regime in which resilient headline growth and strong aggregate earnings remained supportive, but elevated energy prices, restrictive monetary policy and growing scrutiny of AI capital intensity increasingly challenged the durability of the risk-asset expansion.

- As October kicks off, MG highlights the following tactical views for the short term:
  - Equities: The model has moved to an overweight allocation in this asset class, favoring U.S. equities following the recent market pullback and more attractive entry points, while maintaining an underweight exposure to international equities. The model also favors Emerging Markets, where recent weakness driven by higher interest rates could create opportunities for a short-term rebound if rate volatility moderates, while reducing exposure to Japanese equities.
  - Fixed Income: The model maintains an overweight allocation, reflecting expectations for a potential short-term reversal in interest rates. From a duration perspective, the model favors a barbell approach, emphasizing short- and long-duration securities while remaining underweight intermediate-term sovereign bonds. Within credit, it favors lower-quality high-yield exposure following wider spreads, while remaining cautious on Fallen Angels after their recent strength. The model also continues to favor investment-grade corporate and emerging

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market bonds, where attractive yields, carry, and resilient credit fundamentals provide additional income potential.

- Alternatives: The model maintains an overweight allocation with tactical tilts toward Gold and IPO exposure, while reducing exposure to REITs. At the same time, it remains underweight Commodities, particularly given the broader commodity ETF's relatively high exposure to oil. Crude prices have risen sharply amid heightened Middle East supply risks, but the move remains highly sensitive to geopolitical developments and could reverse quickly if tensions ease, while persistently elevated oil prices could increase inflationary pressures and downside risks to global growth.
- Outlook and Strategy: Positioning has become more constructive on equities while maintaining an overweight allocation to fixed income and alternatives. The model favors U.S. and Emerging Market equities, a barbell duration strategy, and selective credit exposure, while remaining cautious on international equities, intermediate-duration bonds, REITs, and Commodities. These tactical allocations will be reassessed as interest-rate volatility, macroeconomic conditions, and geopolitical risks evolve.

- MG reminds its investors about the importance of disciplined risk management, reaffirming the necessity of adopting a cautious, data-driven methodology focused on achieving long-term performance objectives. In this way, MG remains steadfast in its commitment to diligently monitor financial markets and actively adjust risk exposures in alignment with shifting market dynamics. The primary recommendation emphasises the preservation of a fully diversified portfolio, ensuring its structural integrity by refraining from imprudent exposure to risks or opportunities that may appear excessively favourable or unsustainable.

MG Investment Solutions Taxonomy

MG Solution	Short	Asset Class	Description
MG Asset Allocation ETF	*MGAA*	Multi-Asset Class	Multi-asset class diversified mandates employing a quantitative asset allocation framework that dynamically adjusts portfolio exposures in response to evolving market conditions and the distinct risk profile of each mandate, with the objective of effectively navigating the prevailing environment of uncertainty.
MG High Income ETF	*MGHI*	Fixed Income	A diversified ETF portfolio designed as an alternative investment vehicle for investors seeking short-duration, highly liquid exposure with the objective of generating monthly income. The strategy targets a mid-single digit yield and is recommended for investors with a minimum investment horizon of two years
MG Sector ETF	*MGS*	Equity	An actively managed ETF strategy designed to deliver high–single-digit annualized returns over the long term through a concentrated sector rotation approach. The portfolio invests exclusively in liquid, U.S.-listed ETFs that provide targeted exposure to GICS sectors, and using a dynamic, machine-learning-based quantitative model developed to address the limitations of traditional factor strategies.
MG Opp	*MGOP*	Equity	An equity portfolio managed through a quantamental investment process, selecting U.S. stocks with a higher likelihood of outperformance over the medium to long term. The portfolio maintains a strategic bias toward large-cap growth companies
MG Opp Dividend	*MGOD*	Equity	An equity portfolio constructed through a quantamental investment process, focused on the selection of U.S. stocks that prioritize a dividend yield approximately three to four times higher than that of the broad U.S. equity market. The portfolio emphasizes companies with high-quality balance sheet, aiming to enhance the likelihood of outperformance over the medium to long term, with a strategic bias toward mid-cap value and quality-oriented stocks.
MG Emerging Tech	*MGET*	Equity	A Tax-efficient, annually rebalanced portfolio designed to target double-digit annualized returns over the long term by allocating capital to high-growth transformative thematic opportunities such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Robotics, Biotechnology, Blockchain, and Quantum Computing.
MG Blockchain	*MGBLOCK*	Equity & Crypto ETF	A tax-efficient, annually rebalanced portfolio designed to target double-digit annualized returns over the long term by offering investors diversified access to the cryptocurrency sector. The strategy employs a combination of direct exposure to cryptocurrency-linked, fiat currency-denominated ETFs (focused on Bitcoin and Ether) alongside indirect exposure to publicly traded companies demonstrating high sensitivity to the blockchain ecosystem.

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